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SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON CODEL MANSFIELD

REF: STATE 179991

1. REFTEL ANNOUNCING FORTHCOMING VISIT OF SENATOR MANSFIELD NOTES ONLY THAT SENATOR IS ON A " FACT FINDING MISSION". WE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN LEARNING WHATEVER DEPARTMENT MAY KNOW ABOUT THE SENATOR'S SPECIFIC SUBSTANTIVE INTERESTS AND WHAT HE WISHES TO DISCUSS WITH PRESIDENT NE WIN. AS TO USG PROGRAMS FOR BURMA FUNDED BY CONGRESS IN WHICH THE SENATOR MIGHT HAVE AN INTEREST, THE ON-GOING NARCOTICS CONTROL ASSISTANCE WOULD SEEM TO BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT - FOLLOWED, PERHAPS, BY PROSPECTS FOR A POSSIBLE CONSORTIUM ARRANGEMENT FOR ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE (RANGOON 2137). ON NARCOTICS, WE WOULD PROPOSE A FRANK REVIEW WITH THE CODEL OF PROGRAM TO DATE AND THE BURMESE RESPONSE THERETO, AS WELL AS THE FOLLOW-ON PACKAGE (F-27 ETC.) CURRENTLY UNDER DIS-CISSION BETWEEN THE USG AND THE GUB (STATE 174694). ANY GUIDANCE THAT THE DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO OFFER IN TERMS OF ITS OWN CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME.

2. IF THE DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE TO BRIEF OR PROVIDE BACKGROUND MATERIALS TO THE CODEL WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE GIST THEREOF. COMMENTS ON ANY PRESS GUIDELINES CONCERNING PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL.
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